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OXON SET FOR 30K JOBS BOOST

• *Thousands of people enjoyed the annual St Giles Fair this week, see Page 3 for full story and pictures*

Council will decide on City Deal at a meeting next week

By **Adam Flinn**
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A key decision that could lead to up to 30,000 extra jobs being created in Oxfordshire over the next 10 years is expected to be made by the county council next Tuesday.

The council's cabinet are considering an economic growth plan, known as 'City Deal' status, with the finalised bid due to be submitted to the government in October.

It is a unified effort by all of Oxfordshire's councils, the two universities, Local Enterprise Partnership and the major science centres at Harwell and Culham to compete for devolved powers in exchange for delivering local growth.

The City Deal will hand over more control of government spending to these organisations, if they can show that the money would be used to speed up economic growth and increase private sector investment.

County council leader Ian Hudspeth said: "Oxfordshire has the greatest potential of any location in the UK to deliver world-leading technology and business innovation building upon our academic and research heritage.

"The process of developing the City Deal has already strengthened relationships locally and all the partners are speaking with one clear and simple message – that Oxfordshire has a thriving and successful future.

"The City Deal partners have been working closely to make Oxfordshire's ambition of being a world leader in the 'knowledge economy' become reality."

Oxfordshire's City Deal bid focuses on 'economic growth through innovation', with the aim of ensuring that the workforce is able to take up jobs in the future.

This will involve local control over skills training in the county to make sure young people are prepared for future employment.

Nigel Tipple, chief executive

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Returning Leys Fair hailed as a success

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THE Leys Fair returned with a bang last weekend as thousands of revellers gathered in Blackbird Leys Park to enjoy the last of the summer weather.

Oxfordshire Play Association organised the event, with support from the city council and other local groups.

The city council, Blackbird Leys Parish Council and the Green Square Group were among those who donated towards the event.

Jane Gallagher, of Oxford Play Association, said: "Thousands of people came for a wonderful, and mainly sunny, day of activities for all ages.

"There was something for everybody – Zorbing balls, pizza-making, tricky trails bicycle obstacle course, 2 climbing walls, Mini cars, circus skills, surf simulator, go karts, inflatable bungee run plus 3 other bouncy castles."

Val Smith, the city council's ward member for Blackbird Leys, said it was "great" to see the fair return, and called on the community to rally together to keep it going.

"It was really great to see the Fair back - it has been a much missed event," said Cllr Smith.

"The sun was shining the community turned out in force to support it - we all had a great time, especially the children.

"Now its back we must make sure it stays so its onwards and upwards for next years Fair. There are so many people to thank for making it happen."

The fair was started by the official unveiling of the £130,000 Blackbird Leys Playground, after it re-opened in June with a host of new features, including a zip-wire, jungle swing, a sandpit, and climbing wall. Cllr Mark Lygo, board member for Parks, Sports and Events, officially opened the new-look playground.

"The new play area is fantastic and provides a great new resource for children and families who live in Blackbird Leys and the surrounding areas," he said.

"The revamped play area adds to the park, which has recently been awarded Green Flag status, and will been enhanced further by the fitness trail that we are adding to the park."

The council has so far invested £3.1million in the city's parks.

• Top, people have fun zorbing. Inset, one youth tries to stay on his feet (Pictures courtesy of Oxfordshire Play Association)

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Residents flee from house fire as neighbours fight flames

SEVEN people escaped from a house in Cowley after a fire tore through the ground floor on Monday night.

Fire crews were called to the semi-detached house on Campbell Road on Monday evening.

Vigilant residents were already tackling the blaze with a hose before the fire service moved in and extinguished the flames.

No-one was injured, but several people were treated for smoke inhalation.

Incident Commander, Watch Manager Matt Dangerfield of Slade Park fire station White Watch, said: "The smoke alarms alerted the occupiers to the fire and the use of a garden hose through an open window had helped control the fire until we arrived.

"However, an incident like this shows just how dangerous breathing in smoke from fire can be and we advise occupants not to delay in evacuating and never to re-enter a property when there is a fire.

"Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service urge everyone to have working smoke alarms fitted, test them weekly and have an escape plan prepared."

'The greatest potential in the country'

• *From front page*

of the Local Enterprise Partnership, said: "Harnessing and developing Oxfordshire's phenomenal knowledge and expertise is the key to our economic growth.

"By working actively with government and the county's skills and training providers, we can ensure that Oxfordshire's businesses can draw on a local workforce to drive forward the local economy."

Oxford City Council leader Bob Price added: "The City Deal proposals build on Oxford's unique assets as a global centre for science and technology."

The government is currently negotiating with 20 cities across England to agree a City Deal, in each case asking an area to set out its ambitions and what it will offer in additional support.

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Health checks

OXFORDSHIRE County Council is pleading with those who received an invitation for a free health check to make the most of it.

Only 42 per cent of people in the county, who were invited, actually went to the doctor for a health check appointment.

Invitations are sent to patients aged between 40 and 74 who do not have a pre-exisitng heart-related condition, directly from their GP practice.

Applications

AS OF last Friday, families with children who are due to start secondary school in September 2014 can apply online via the County Council's admissions page.

Letters with details of how to complete the application form have been sent to parents of Year Six pupils.

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Thousands revel in St Giles celebrations

• Thousands of visitors went on rides over the two days

OXFORD'S annual St Giles' Fair was in the city centre on Monday and Tuesday, with thousands of visitors and residents enjoying the fun of the fair.

A steady stream of youngsters and adults walked through the fair in the St Giles' area, going on the dozens of rides and stalls that were on offer.

Jeanette Simms was at the fair on Tuesday with her three-year-old granddaughter Darcy Cox, who had never been to the St Giles' Fair before.

She said: "Darcy's really enjoying the fair. She's been to some in Florida but had always been too young, so this is the first year she can go on the rides properly."

By **Adam Flinn**
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The fair dates back to 1625, originating as a parish festival to celebrate the feast of the patron saint, St Giles.

In the 18th century it became a toy fair, becoming a general children's fair in the early 19th century until the funfair grew in Victorian times, with large numbers of people attending every year.

It is held each year on the Monday and Tuesday following the first Sunday after St Giles' Day on September 1.

• Darcy Cox on the merry-go-round for her first trip to the fair

• Drivers enjoy the Dodgems

• Crowds gathered along St Giles' for the annual fair (All pictures by Adam Flinn)

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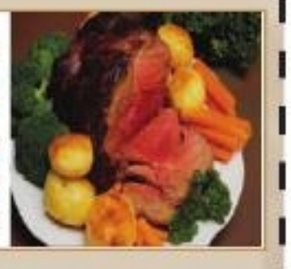

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• *Jacob Barrett, from Cowley: "Things like Cycle to Work Day are a good idea to bring it to the forefront of people's minds. But that needs to be translated to actually getting more people using cycling as a form of transport."*

Making roads safer for city's cyclists

A SENIOR county councillor is urging cyclists and motorists to be more vigilant on the roads.

By **Jack Johnson**
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More riders are expected to be on the streets of Oxford this morning for National Cycle to Work Day and Cllr David Nimmo Smith, cabinet member for Transport, is calling for all road users to be safe and patient on their way to and from work.

Cllr Nimmo Smith said: "When you come to junctions there is no real opportunity for people to go past cyclists or cyclists to go past other lorries and cars.

"We want them all going on the same route and to be going roughly the same speed and they need to be very, very aware of each other."

Just last month, funding to make The Plain roundabout safer for cyclists was approved, with lanes set to be narrowed to slow traffic and make conditions more cyclist friendly.

"The council are encouraging more people to cycle to work," Cllr Nimmo Smith added.

"We're doing a lot of work in Oxford and we have additional money for The Plain and additional money for other schemes dotted around the city, to try and join up all the cycle routes and make things a little safer.

"What we have got to make sure of is certainly encouraging them to cycle but actually make it, from their point of view, safe to do so."

Cllr Nimmo Smith continued: "There are cycle lanes and there are areas where you can actually cycle off roads, but unfortunately we've got old towns and some areas have medieval road networks and the roads are quite narrow.

"They are narrower than, to be honest, we'd like for lorries and cars and we have to accommodate cycles as well so what we want to try and do is make people aware of everybody else and that doesn't always happen.

"It is the 10 per cent either end that we have really got to look out for.

"Most people are sensible and know what is going on, but it is the extremes that we have got to be very aware of."

National Cycle to Work Day aims to encourage people to take to two wheels and cycle for one day. Oxfordshire Sports Partnership's active recreation manager Hazel Walsh added: "Motorists, please be aware of cyclists and give them as much space as possible.

"Be patient and think one less car in the queue ahead.

"Cyclists, follow the road laws and cycle safely."

• *Cllr David Nimmo Smith is looking to make Oxford's roads safer for cyclists*

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Policing awards 'thank you'

SEVENTEEN people had their work and dedication recognised by Oxford's local policing area commander at a ceremony last week.

Supt Christian Bunt presented certificates to people from different policing departments and members of the public for helping to apprehend criminals.

PCs Stuart Carey and Alex Locke were commended for dealing with a serious disturbance where a man had been stabbed in the neck.

Mr Carey was also commended for arresting a man who had been involved in burglaries in Rose Hill and Iffley.

PC Keith Marrison, for single-handedly arresting a very volatile and aggressive offender, PS Matthew Sulley and PC Simon Gray, for coaxing down a female who was threatening to jump off a roof top, and PC Ian Crock were also all presented with certificates.

PS Lewis Boyce, DC Charlotte Dunford and PC Eleanor Batty were commended for their work on Operation Boots, launched after last year's trouble at Oxford United's match against Bristol Rovers.

PSCO Cassandra Parry was also rewarded for her negotiation skills at a domestic incident. Citizens Tracey Broome, Gabor Staudinger, Dominic James Coelho, Mohammed Shafqat, Mohammed Tariq Abbasi, Mohammed Usman Hamid and Mohammed Sarwar Mirza were also honoured.

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Fish 'bypass' at Hinksey Weir

FISH will now be able to swim more freely in Oxford's rivers after Environmental Agency work at Hinksey Weir.

A new nature-like bypass channel has been installed allowing fish to migrate up and downstream with more ease.

This is thought to help boost fish populations in the River Thames.

Train service collaboration

NETWORK Rail and Chiltern Railways will collaborate to oversee a new fast train service between Oxford and London Marylebone.

The collaboration will manage upgrading of the line between Oxford and Bicester and connection of the railway at Bicester to the Chiltern Main Line by construction of 1km of new railway.

The first services are expected to start in two years time.

Lights fantastic

OXFORD'S Christmas Light Festival has received a £15,000 grant from Arts Council England.

This will enable the City Council to work with Oxford Contemporary Music and Dancin' Oxford to secure a professional programme of music and dance performances. It will also support free arts activity at the Festival which will take place from November 22-24.

Affordable homes on track - council leader

PLANS to build more affordable homes in Oxford are still on track, according to the leader of Oxford City Council.

By **James Booker**
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The council's 2011-15 Affordable Housing Programme is attempting to reduce the city's 4,500 people who are on the council's waiting list for housing.

Last week, councillors at the East Area Planning Committee meeting gave the go-ahead for 112 more houses to be built in East Oxford.

These include 48 homes in East Minchery Farm, 11 in Littlemore, 10 on the council depot site in Bury Knowle Park, and three each in Cardinal Close, Leiden Road and Thompson Terrace.

Councillor Bob Price said: "The programme is fully on track, and will deliver the 112 affordable homes that we have been planning for these sites over the next 2 years.

"All the homes have been designed to provide space standards that are well above the minimum levels required and to have excellent insulation."

Forty-four of these homes will be at affordable rent pricing.

"These homes are in addition to the [354] affordable new homes (out of 885) that will be built at Barton as part of that development," he said.

However, Cllr Price added these plans "will only make a limited dent in the City's needs for affordable housing", adding that "principal limitation now is land availability".

Cllr Scott Seamons, board member for Housing, said that the area's green belt and administrative issues also restricted the council's action in implementing new affordable homes.

"This is a positive outcome as Oxford has enormous demand for affordable housing as the costs of renting and/or buying privately are very high.

"There are currently more than 4,500 people on the City Council's housing waiting list.

"The city is also prevented from expanding much further by a tightly-drawn administrative boundary and by the green belt.

"We can now move quickly with the Affordable Housing Programme to deliver high quality sustainable housing that benefits residents and helps to address Oxford's housing shortfall."

Exploring hidden histories through Open Doors

VISITORS will get the chance to explore hidden histories of Oxford as part of Oxford Open Doors this weekend.

The Town Hall, which opened in 1897, will stage tours that will include rooms normally closed to the public.

Oxford Brookes University and the Oxford Preservation Trust will provide a 'Build the City of Your Dreams' activity in the main hall, allowing people to add their take on Oxford's iconic skyline.

The event, now in its fifth year, also boasts the Explore Oxford Galleries, where visitors can learn about Oxford's past and present.

They can also find out about the people who lived on in Oxford with the 'Oxford Uncovered' trail, and explore the existing new community exhibition, 'East Oxford from Above'.

The Town Hall will be open during the weekend from 11am until 3pm.

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Thomas Barnes, aged 22, of Minchery Road, Oxford, is wanted on suspicion of violent disorder, taking a vehicle without the owner's consent and possession of an offensive weapon.

It relates to a fight, involving a number of men, that started outside the Taste of Jamaica restaurant in Cowley Road, shortly after 7.30pm on July 29 where a baseball bat and chair were allegedly used as weapons.

Det Con Richard Allmond said: "I would urge Barnes to come forward and hand himself in to police."

Anyone with information should contact Det Con Allmond on 101 or via Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Low level Omega-3 link to child reading skills

LOW levels of Omega-3 could suggest why some children struggle with reading, an Oxford University study has revealed.

By **Jack Johnson**
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Blood samples taken from 493 schoolchildren, aged between seven and nine-years-old, from 74 mainstream schools across Oxfordshire revealed that, on average, 2.45 per cent of the pupils total blood fatty acids contained Omega-3.

Long-chain Omega-3 fats found in fish, seafood and some algae, are essential for the brain's structure and function as well as for maintaining a healthy heart and immune system.

The research by the professors at Oxford University highlighted that the amount found in the samples was below the minimum of four per cent that is recommended to maintain cardiovascular health in adults, with eight to 12 per cent regarded as optimal for a healthy heart.

The study found that children's blood levels of the long-chain Omega-3 docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), which is mostly found in the brain, predicted how well they were able to concentrate and learn.

All of the children who had their blood sampled were thought to have below-average reading skills, based on national assessments at the age of seven or their teachers' current judgements, while, as part of the sample, parents also reported on their child's diet, revealing to the researchers that almost nine out of ten children ate fish less than twice a week.

Professor Paul Montgomery, a co-author of the study, said: "Higher levels of Omega-3 in the blood, and DHA in particular, were associated with better reading and memory, as well as with fewer behaviour problems as rated by parents and teachers.

"These results are particularly noteworthy given that we had a restricted range of scores, especially with respect to blood DHA but also for reading ability, as around two-thirds of these children were still reading below their age-level when we assessed them.

"Although further research is needed, we think it is likely that these findings could be applied generally to schoolchildren throughout the UK."

Dr Alex Richardson, who also worked on the research, added: "The longer term health implications of such low blood Omega-3 levels in children obviously can't be known.

"But this study suggests that many, if not most UK children, probably aren't getting enough of the long-chain Omega-3 we all need for a healthy brain, heart and immune system.

"That gives serious cause for concern because we found that lower blood DHA was linked with poorer behaviour and learning in these children."

Dr Richardson added: "These new techniques have been revolutionary – because in the past, blood samples from a vein were needed for assessing fatty acids, and that has seriously restricted research into the blood Omega-3 status of healthy UK children until now."

The authors believe the findings may apply to the general UK population, as the spread of scores in this sample was within the normal population range for both reading and behaviour.

Waiting is over for Oxford in Bloom results

RESIDENTS who entered this year's Oxford in Bloom competition only have a few more hours to wait until the results are announced.

All entrants have been invited to a presentation at the Town Hall where prizes will be given for all 11 categories as well as for long serving entrant, long standing effort and highest scoring new entrant.

The Oxford in Bloom competition has been running since 1986 and Cllr Mark Lygo, board member for Parks, Sport and Events, said: "This is a great opportunity for all involved in the competition to get together and celebrate the success of our gardeners."

Karen Roberts, chair of the Oxford in Bloom committee, added: "It is so good to see the large percentage of new entrants helping to keep our city beautiful."

The ceremony will start at 7pm and tonight's host is local TV and radio presenter Wesley Smith while the Lord Mayor of Oxford, Cllr Dee Sinclair, will also be present.

If you would like to find out more about Oxford In Bloom contact the City Council's Parks Service on 01865 252240.

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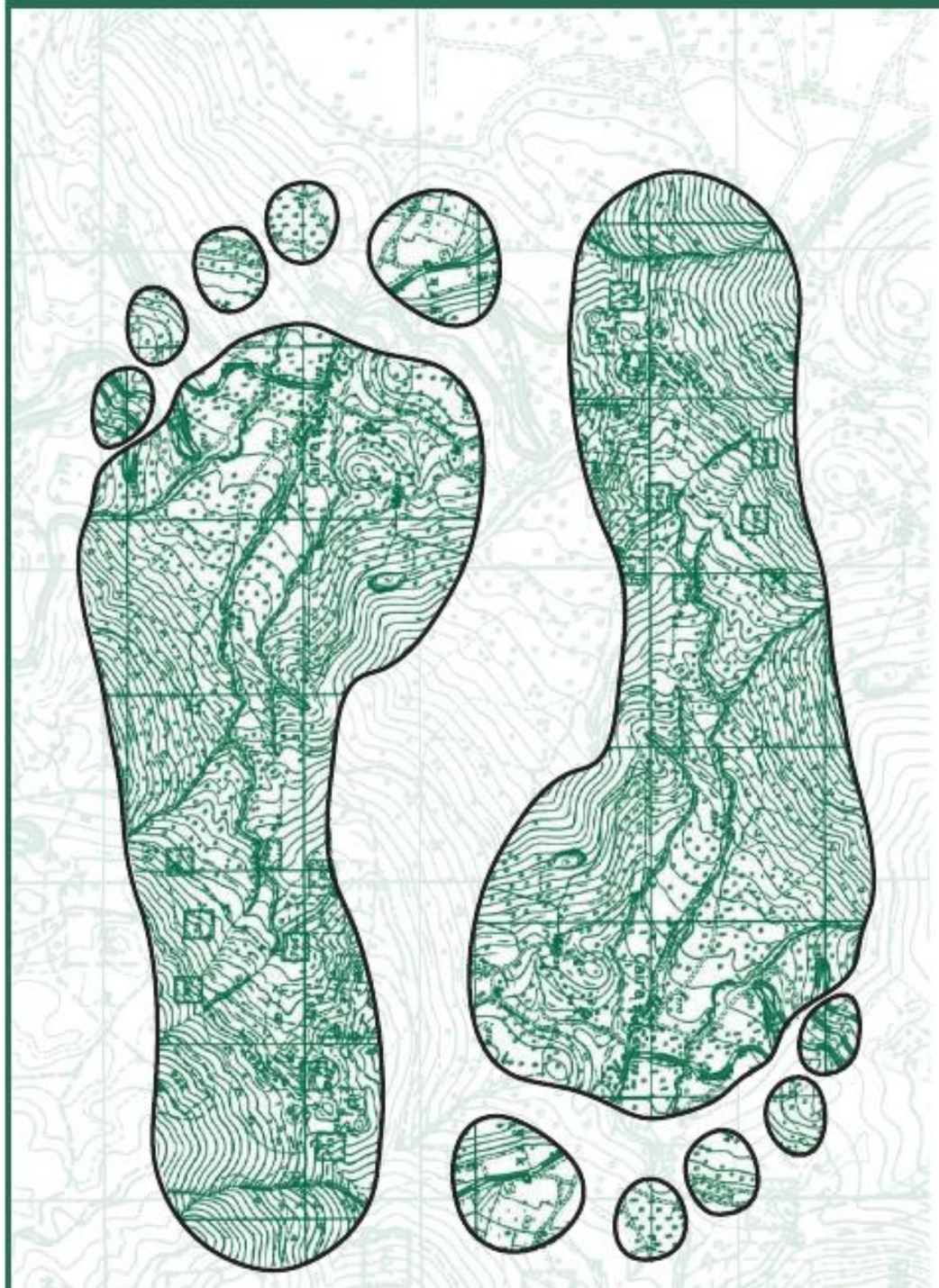

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Caro and all that jazz...

DUTCH jazz sensation Caro Emerald is set to bring her unique vocal style to Oxford's New Theatre on Tuesday.

By **James Booker**
jamesb@taylornewspapers.co.uk

The date is one of 11 that makes up her September tour of Europe, promoting her second album, 'The Shocking Miss Emerald', which was released in May.

Caro will bring with her sassy blend of big band jazz, swing and pop to the city, performing songs from both her current album, and its predecessor, the award-winning The Deleted Scenes From The Cutting Room Floor'.

Where Caro's multi-platinum selling debut took its inspiration from the Hollywood cinema and the glitz and glamour of the jazz scene, 'The Shocking Miss Emerald' is inspired by the epicentre of style, romance, excitement and dangerous liaisons – Paris.

The first single, the hooky, hip-hop tango 'Tangled Up', is stylish, classy and sassy pop - Caro's trademark - and is a delicious appetiser for the new album.

Caro's first album sold 1.3million copies in Europe, and spent nine weeks in the UK top 10.

Caro performed on UK TV shows including Jools Holland's Hootenanny, Strictly Come Dancing and BBC's Children In Need and her music became a permanent fixture on the airwaves with Radio 2 adding all five singles to the A List and making the record Album Of The Week.

Caro's live performances included an astonishing set in London's Hyde Park and at the Isle of Wight Festival and her sold out headline UK tour garnered rave reviews.

The Times declared the atmosphere at a recent gig at the Roundhouse in London to be "part carnival, part high-school prom", praising her "magnificent vocals" and concluding that "When she finally bounced off stage, punching the air, it felt like a whirlwind had hit North London."

•Jazzsensation Caro Emerald

Babyshambles

BRITISH indie-rock band Babyshambles are performing at Oxford's O2 Academy tomorrow evening, following the release of their third album 'Sequel to the Prequel' at the start of this month.

Formed by Pete Doherty in 2003, the group settled on a regular line-up in the summer of 2004 before releasing their debut album 'Down in Albion' in 2005, followed by 'Shotter's Nation' two years later.

Tickets for the 7pm show cost £25.87, and can be bought online at www.o2academyoxford.co.uk or by calling 0844 477 2000.

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Dunsinane

THE National Theatre of Scotland and the Royal Shakespeare Company bring the acclaimed Dunsinane to the Oxford Playhouse from Tuesday.

Shakespeare's sequel to Macbeth is coming to Oxford as one of only three tour venues in England, starring Siobhan Redmond and Jonny Phillips.

Tickets start from £10. For more details and show times, go to www.oxfordplayhouse.com or call 01865 305305.

Calendar girl

THE originator and driving force behind the 'Alternative WI Calendar', Tricia Stewart, is hosting a show at Banbury's Mill Arts Centre on Tuesday.

Tricia will be meeting and chatting with audience members about her idea that sparked a fund-raising phenomenon, with proceeds going to Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

The show starts at 8pm. To book, call 01295 297002 or visit www.themillartscentre.co.uk.

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'The 1975' rocking O2

By Adam Flinn
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FOLLOWING up on the release of their self-titled debut album, Manchester group The 1975 are coming to Oxford's O2 Academy on September 24 before heading off on a worldwide tour.

Made up of vocalist Matthew Healy, guitarist Adam Hann, drummer George Daniel and bass player Ross MacDonald, the four started making music together a decade ago when they met at school.

They released their first album on September 2, which went straight to the top of the charts.

"It's exciting, it's been a long time coming," said lead singer Matt. "We'd achieved a lot before the debut album, so it's very humbling that we've had the opportunity to make the album.

"Our shows, we want it to be like an eighties prom, the band that makes everybody feel good.

"I think with our music, it's all about really uplifting songs and a message that's a bit more dour, but there's a lot of thought behind it and a lot of self-deprecation."

Despite only releasing their first album this month, the group have been performing together for 10 years, having met at their school in Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Matt added: "We've been doing it for a long time, and that's kind of helped to define us.

"We knew we weren't ready until we hit a certain age where we really understood what we wanted to do, who we wanted to be, and kind of took it from there.

"The name 'The 1975' comes from a book that I got given on holiday. There were loads of notes in the book, and is said "To Jean, the 1975", and just the use of the word 'the', I thought was really interesting.

"It's strange, it doesn't have any relevance, it's all to do with that word preceding the date."

The show starts at 7pm. For more information, go to www.o2academyoxford.co.uk or call 0844 477 2000.

• *Manchester-based band The 1975 are at the O2 Academy later this month*

Mark Thomas is playing it for laughs

COMEDIAN Mark Thomas is coming to the North Wall Arts Centre this evening, with his troublemaking show '100 Acts of Minor Dissent'.

Mark has set himself the task of committing these 100 acts within the space of a year, ranging from the silliest gesture to the grandest confrontations, with hilarious results.

Tickets cost £15 for an 8pm start. For more information, visit www.thenorthwall.com or phone 01865 319450.

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Horse trials

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Dressage competitions take place today and tomorrow, followed by cross-country on Saturday and the show-jumping finale on Sunday.

Other activities, including retail outlets and riding clubs, will also be in attendance. More details can be found at www.blenheim-horse.co.uk.

Storytelling

THE Kingdom of the Heart, an atmospheric storytelling session for adults drawing on European folk tales and accompanied by cello music, is being held at the Oxford Playhouse on Wednesday.

Following the story of a humble fisherman who discovers a golden land, the show has been well received at previous showings across the country.

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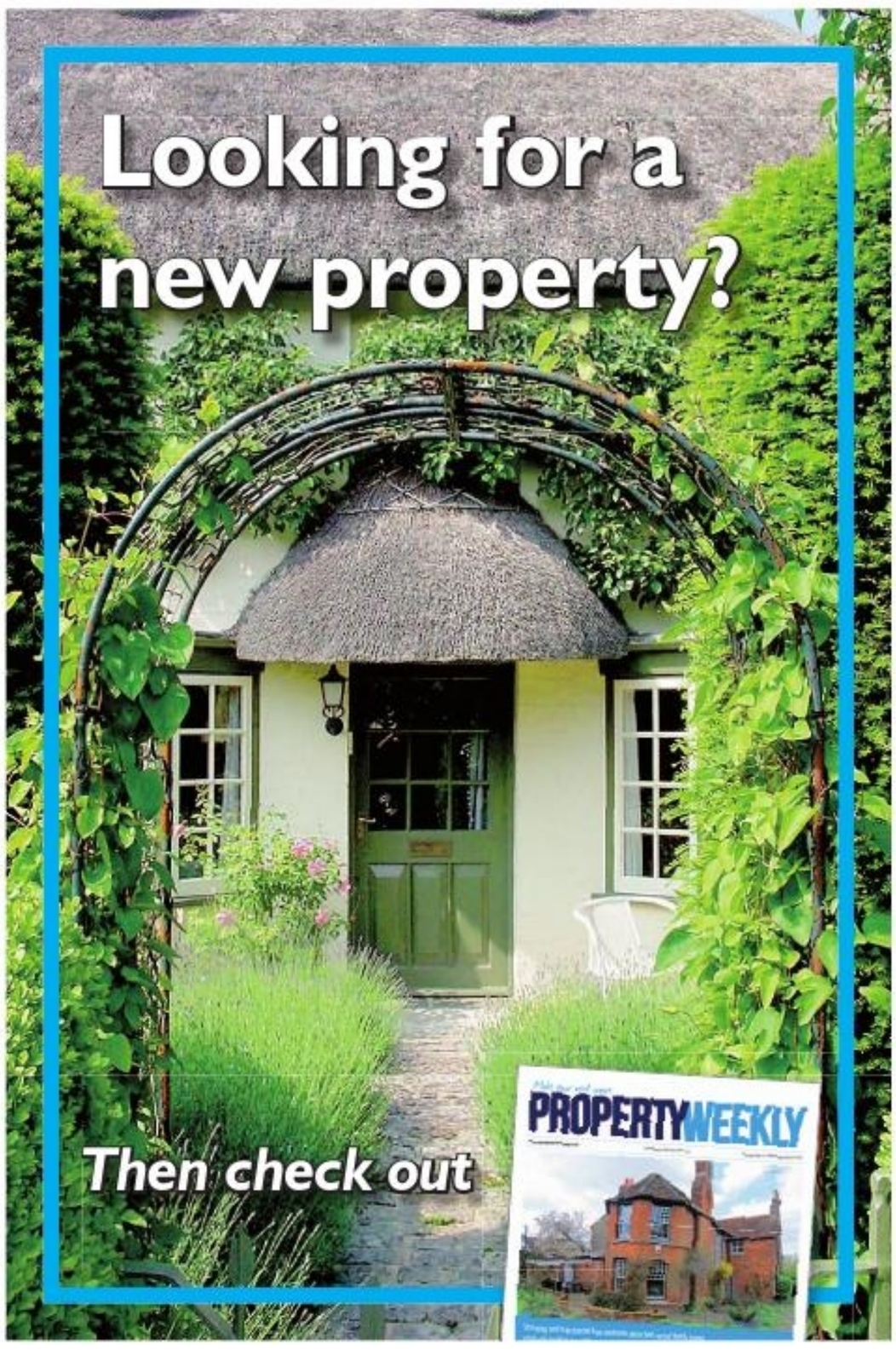

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12 Sep, 8pm - 9pm
The North Wall Arts Centre South Parade Oxford
MARK THOMAS: 100 ACTS OF MINOR DISSENT
Mark sets himself the task of committing 100 Acts of Minor Dissent in the space of a year. Subversive mayhem ensues...

13 Sep - 14 Sep,
Cornerstone 25 Station R oad Didcot
CORNERSTONE'S 5TH BIRTHDAY
In September everyone is being invited to come and celebrate Cornerstone's 5th birthday. There's a GALA EVENING on Friday 13 with Alice Francis, the "First Lady of Cool Swing", and then there's a special thank you to everyone at a FREE MINI FESTIVAL on Saturday 14, when Cornerstone is putting on a birthday party no one will ever forget. The building, inside and out, will be flooded with colourful and quirky entertainments which will start at 10am with a family friendly drama-based treasure hunt, and go on late into the night when there's a vaudeville cabaret for grown ups. Watch out for the stilt walkers, music and drama in places you really wouldn't expect it, digital music workshops, flash mobs, fun fair stalls.....and there are more very special surprises too...all events on Saturday are free...and will be compared by our Mistress of Ceremonies.

13 Sep, 8pm
Wallingford Town Hall Wallingford
WEST HANNEY, LOWBURY, AND ANGLO-SAXON OXFORDSHIRE: THE FIFTH TO EIGHTH CENTURIES IN THE UPPER THAMES
Dr Christopher Ferguson. Chris has ten years experience as an archaeologist and museum curator. He is now Head Curator of Auckland Castle (County Durham), and was formerly the Curator of Archaeology at the Oxfordshire Museums Service. His talk will focus on Anglo-Saxon Oxfordshire. The Anglo-Saxon kingdom of Wessex is popularly assumed to have originated around its later capital, Winchester. In fact, its origins lie in the Upper Thames Valley (stretching roughly from Lechlade to Reading), with the emergence of a people referred to in early sources as the Gewisse. Visitors (£3) are most welcome. "

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Waterperry Gardens Nr. Wheatley Oxford
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14 Sep - 15 Sep, 10am -
Pegasus Theatre Magdalen R oad Oxford
OPEN DOORS
Pegasus joins in the Oxford wide Open Doors weekend The annual Oxford events goes behind the scenes to visit the backstage areas where artists mix, rehearse, create and prepare. Over the weekend there will be backstage tours and taster workshops in circus skills plus creative crafts and face painting in the cafe.www.pegasustheatre.org.uk/shows/open-doors/www.oxfordopendoors.org.uk Price Free but booking recommended

14 Sep,
The Glee Club 3 Hythe Bridge Street Oxford
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14 Sep, 9am - 1pm
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14 Sep, 11am - 3.30pm
169 Hollow way Hollow way Oxford
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16 Sep,
The Jericho Tavern 56 Walton Street Oxford
MORELAND & ARBUCKLE

16 Sep - 17 Sep, 7.30pm
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17 Sep, 8pm - 9pm
The North Wall Arts Centre South Parade Oxford
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Away from the racing there are plenty of activities to keep youngsters active – and adults and kids amazed – with Sunday's schedule crammed full of the kind of attractions guaranteed to make it a day to remember for a long time to come. They've got the Red Bull Matadors flying in for a display of incredible aerial acrobatics while, slightly closer to earth, the amazing Freestyle Motocross riders will be flipping and whipping their 100kg machines as they jump from ramp to ramp. There will also be a series of demos from 12-time World Motorcycle Trials Champion Dougie Lampkin and the Zero Gravity MTB Trials display squad.

They'll be running kids' Motocross Try-Outs throughout the weekend giving younger visitors the chance to learn to ride under qualified supervision as well as Quad Bike Experiences and on the Sunday there will be Zorb Balls, bungee trampolines, fairground rides, bouncy castles and appearances from children's TV favourites Dora the Explorer, Peppa Pig and George, Bob the Builder and Fireman Sam in the Kidzone area.

On-the-gate admission is just £13 for adults, £3 for children and £30 for a family of four. For more details and to book tickets go to www.redbullpronationals.com Culham Park is just off the A415 east of Abingdon. Postcode OX14 3DA.

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‘Sleek’ Mazda stands out

REVIEW: MAZDA6 2.0

By **Philip Shoulder**

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NEW high tech Mazda blends efficiency, style and dynamics.

This third-generation Mazda6 is the second new Mazda model to utilise the Japanese firm’s ultra efficient and weight-saving SKYACTIV Manufacturing process, with sharply styled ‘KODO Soul of Motion’ design language.

At a time when most rivals come in hatchback guise, Mazda’s new large saloon stands out with its sleek and dramatically styled body. The purposeful looks feature high-waisted flanks, flared wheel-arches and a sweeping Coupé style roofline.

The new SKYACTIV engine line-up comprises two petrol engines and two diesels, mated with six-speed automatic or manual transmissions. Together with SKYACTIV powertrains, the SKYACTIV-Chassis and SKYACTIV-Body contribute to making an efficient, lightweight, yet safe design – Euro NCAP having recently awarded the Mazda6 a five star safety rating.

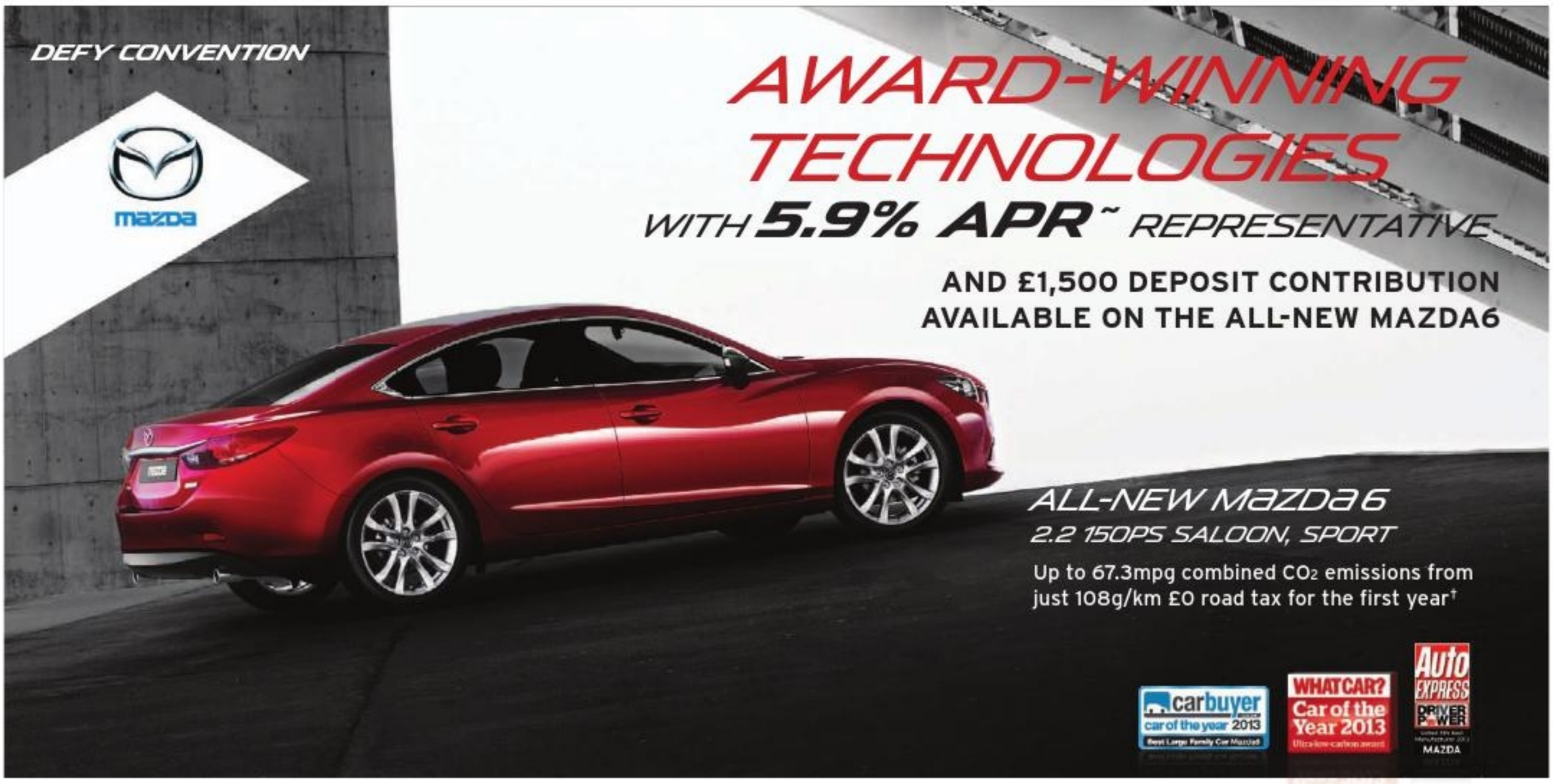
Tested here is the 165 PS 2.0 petrol, which returns a claimed combined 47.9 mpg and emits 135g/km of CO_2.

Power delivery is linear and smooth and while lacking the gut-punch shove of the diesels, it actually manages to be the more engaging powertrain. When cruising the engine is refined, but when worked harder a more sporting, vocal and engaging character emerges. The combination of well-weighted, accurate steering and capable chassis combine to make the Mazda6 an enjoyably involving drive. Admittedly the ride is on the firm side in Sport guise, not helped by the large 19 inch wheels, although SE and SE-L trim cars get smaller wheels and a smoother, more pliant balance.

Inside the cabin you’re treated to an aesthetically pleasing and premium feeling interior, which makes use of black glossy finishes and soft touch plastics. The switchgear and instrumentation is clear and well laid out on the sculpted dash and this top spec SportNav model gets luxurious light stone rouged leather trim incorporating red stitching.

Verdict: This latest incarnation of the Mazda6 is a stylish well made Ford Mondeo alternative. On the road it feels much smaller and more nimble than its size would suggest: a credit to its honed driving dynamics. It also boasts class-leading fuel economy, low running costs and clever active safety systems – with good residuals to boot - making it a worthy rival to key European contenders in the large family car class.

• *The all-new Mazda6 2.0 165 PS Sport Nav Saloon*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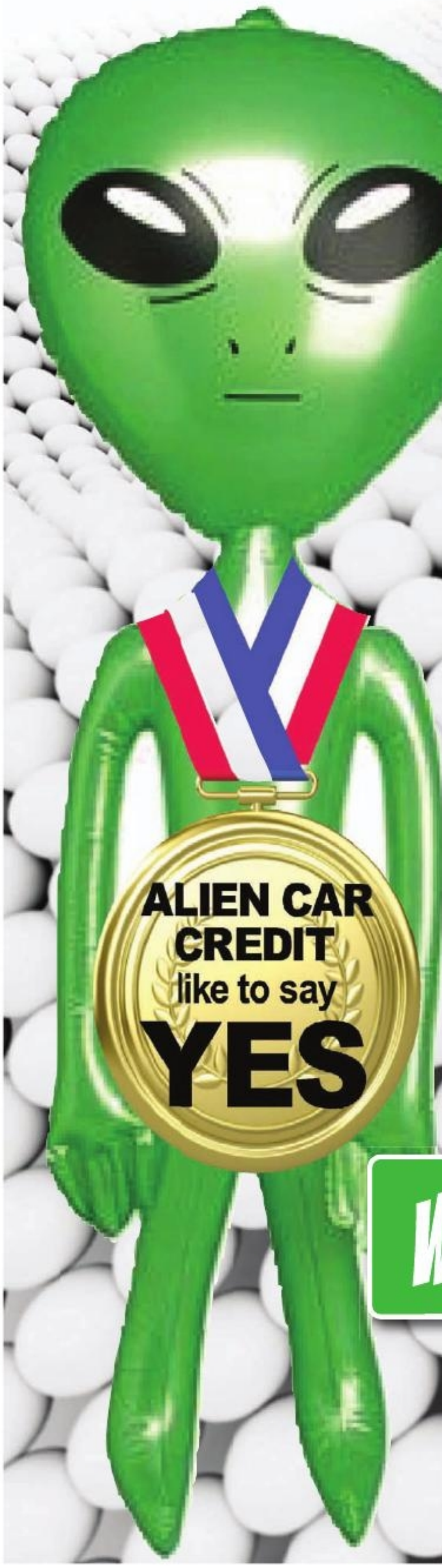

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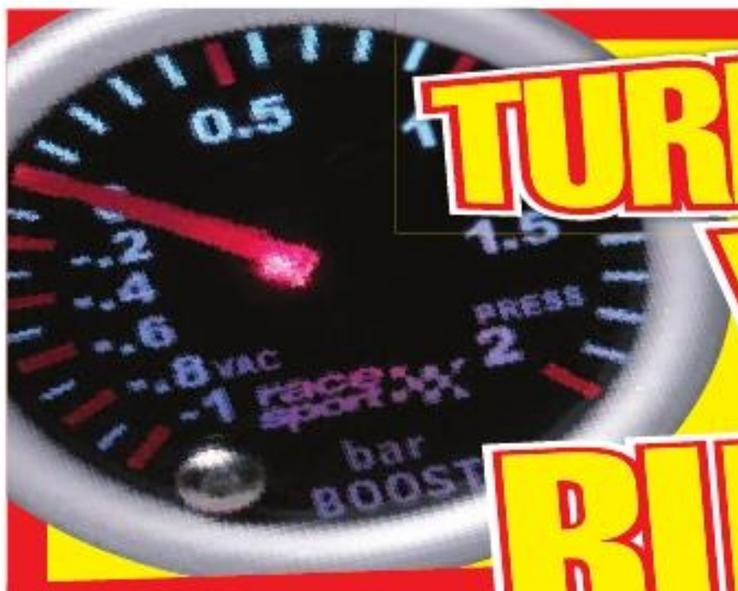

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BREWERS SUNK BY IN-FORM OXFORD

Potter and Rose net for Wilder's men as unbeaten run continues

ALFIE Potter and Danny Rose were on target as Oxford United beat 10-man Burton Albion 2-0 last Saturday to make it three away wins on the spin.

By **Jack Johnson**
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The win stretched United's unbeaten start to six games, keeping Chris Wilder's side second in League Two.

United are two points behind league leaders Chesterfield, who visit the Kassam Stadium in a fortnight's time for a potential top of the table clash.

After an uneventful first period last Saturday, Brewers defender Ian Sharps was sent off on 36 minutes for kicking out at Dave Kitson.

And United took full advantage with Potter opening the scoring four minutes after the break with a brilliant solo effort.

Rose then poked home with five minutes remaining, converting Ryan Williams' cross after the young Australian made a lung-bursting run down the right flank.

"We were nice and solid, we didn't give anything away and it is really important when you come to places like this," assistant manager Mickey Lewis told the club.

"It was a pretty slow game to start with, which we were happy with, because Burton can really come at you and are really good at home."

Lewis added that United learned their lessons from not being able to overcome 10-man Wycombe at home last month, and were more patient against the Brewers.

"We said at half time to be patient and we learnt our lesson from Wycombe a few weeks ago and we told them to keep moving the ball.

"Burton are a very hard-working side but it is difficult to play with 10 men for that amount of time if you keep possession, so I thought we did that quite well.

"The toughest thing about playing against 10 men is concentration because you do have a lot of the ball and I thought we passed it well but there was a couple of times when we gave it away and the back four were on their toes."

One small criticism of United's start to the season is the lack of clean sheets, but skipper Jake Wright said: "I just want to keep winning games and getting results.

"I think people have made a big thing about clean sheets but I'm not bothered."

United travel to Cheltenham Town this Saturday.

Burton Albion	0
Oxford United	2

• *United's players celebrate Alfie Potter's opener against Burton (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

Last-gasp heartbreak for struggling City

OXFORD City's winless start to the Skrill Confererence North season continued as they suffered a last-minute defeat at home to fellow strugglers Colwyn Bay.

The visitors were the brighter side throughout a lacklustre game and could have gone ahead midway through the first half, when Cameron Darkwah's low shot came back off the upright.

City keeper Mark Scott saved at point blank range from Robert Hopley, while at the other end Jamie Cook went close for City.

On 58 minutes, the visitors took the lead after confusion in the City defence.

Mark Scott spilled the ball following Tom Smyth's long throw and Daniel Meadowcroft was on hand to force the ball home.

City then had their best spell of the game, forcing a series of corners from which substitute Darren Pond and centre back Lee Henderson went close for the home side. And their pressure was rewarded when, two minutes from time, Bay keeper Josh Ollerenshaw failed to get any distance on his punch for a corner as Mike Symonds put him under pressure.

Paul Stonehouse collected the loose ball and drilled home an unstoppable low shot.

City's joy was short lived when despite the heroics of Mark Scott who produces a string of reflex saves, Meadowcroft, who looked offside, scrambled the ball home for the visitors.

City almost salvaged a point in the final minute but Saul William was denied as his shot was deflected past the post.

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